

Group of Whitchurch Ratepayers Requests Annexation to Town

A petition signed by six land owners on the north boundary line of the corporation of Stouffville, has requested the annexation of their properties to town. These ratepayers of Whitchurch hold about two hundred acres of land. The petition was presented to the local municipal council during their regular meeting on Thursday evening.

Stouffville Council had previously suggested similar annexation to the township but had not had a petition of the ratepayers requesting it at that time.

Reeve Daniels said that in his opinion there were certain details to be considered in such a request but believed that a meeting should be sought with Whitchurch Twp. on the matter and the clerk was directed to arrange such a meeting.

A solicitor's letter on behalf of a Mr. and Mrs. Debris was read to council concerning liability action against the town in connection with an accident which occurred on Main Street at Albert last week. Reeve Dan-

els reported to the council that the matter had been directed into the hands of the Malvern Construction Co. whose work had caused the accident.

There was considerable discussion regarding the handling of icy conditions on the streets and snow removal. The Road Committee reported that the Stouffville Sand & Gravel Co. was prepared to provide a loader on short notice at \$7.50 an hour.

Councillor Wagg, chairman of the road committee, said that he favored engaging Miller Construction who sand the highway, to do the local streets when needed. Reeve Daniels said this would be allright provided one could count on them coming on short notice. He also believed that a supply of salted sand should be kept in town. Councillor Laushway commented that it was poor policy to have to run all over the country to hire outside equipment when you needed it in a hurry. The matter was left to the chairman to enquire of Miller's services.

Ballantrae Couple Celebrates Fifty Years Together

The spacious residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Topper, east of Ballantrae on the South Lake Road was the scene of a happy family reunion on Saturday evening as Mr. and Mrs. Millford Rose, a well-known and highly respected couple celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Rose were married on Dec. 12, 1906, the occasion was held four days in advance in order that all members of the family could attend.

The celebrated residents are both natives of the district. Mr. Rose was born near Bloomington, 76 years ago, the son of the late Wm. Rose and Margaret Johnson. He later lived at Mount Albert and Leamington. Mrs. Rose was born on the present Arthur Storry farm at Bloomington and attended the Bloomington Public School. Following their marriage in the Aurora Parsonage, the happy couple journeyed by horse and cutter to Newmarket to visit relatives. They farmed for two years at Sharon, later moving to the present Wm. Topper property where they lived for 44 years. For the past five years they have resided in their new home on the south side of the Lake Road.

Present at the gathering were the couple's two sons, Stanley of London, Carl of Ballantrae and one daughter, Mrs. Wm. Topper. They also have six grandchildren. Mrs. Rose has a brother, Mr. Arthur Storry of Bloomington, and Mr. Rose has a sister, Mrs. Wm. Patterson in Newmarket.

Mr. and Mrs. Rose were the recipients of many gifts, cards and flowers. A beautiful anniversary cake graced the centre of the food-laden table. Both enjoy excellent health. Their good-natured personalities have gained them a wide circle of friends in the community. Both are regular attendants at the Ballantrae United Church. Mrs. Rose is a Past President of the Women's Association.

J. W. Rye Named New Liberal Standard-Bearer For North York Riding

A record crowd of nearly 700 people attended a convention of the York North Liberal Association last Friday night in Richmond Hill when John W. Rye, a Mount Albert farmer and ex-Warden of the County, was elected to carry the banner for the Liberals in the York North riding in the next federal election. His only opponent for the position was Dr. E. J. Henderson of Aurora.

The election of a new candidate was made necessary by the recent announced retirement of the sitting Liberal member for North York, J. E. Smith, M.P. Mr. Smith, who has represented the riding in the House of Commons for the past 12 years, is retiring on the advice of his physician.

The meeting was under the chairmanship of Lorne C. Lee, Q.C., president of the York North Liberal Association and honored guests on the platform included Paul Hellyer, M.P. (Davenport)

and assistant to the Minister of National Defense; Vincent Regan, President of the Toronto and Yorks Liberal Association; Ernest Bruce, Danforth riding Liberal candidate; Mrs. M. J. McChane, President of Davenport Liberal Association; Ross Linton, Past-president of the York North Liberal Association; Peter Burt, Secretary, Toronto & Yorks Liberal Association; Mogan Baker, former M.P.P.; Lorne Evans; Charles Vanzant; Ken Thompson, Liberal candidate York-Humber, and W. S. Cook, secretary of York North Liberal Association.

Mr. Rye's nomination was moved by Marshall McMurchy, Reeve of Vaughan Township and Warden of York County. Mr. McMurchy referred to Mr. Rye's public service both to the township of East Gwillimbury and to York County. "He can work well with others and is interested in the riding and its people," he said. Stressing his interest in individuals, Mr. McMurchy said, "Jack Rye is a humanitarian," adding that the York County Home for the Aged is a tribute to his interest in people. Seconding the motion was Roy Stewart who said, "Jack Rye has an excellent past and a promising future."

In accepting the nomination Mr. Rye said that whoever the candidate might be for the forthcoming election it would be a difficult task to match the representation given in the past by the sitting member, J. E. Smith, and his predecessor, the late Col. W. P. Mulock. He said that he would consider it the highest honour to be able to represent the party which has done so

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Generosity Outstanding



His contributions have made Memorial Park in Stouffville one of the outstanding Community Centres in the Province of Ontario.

FUNERAL FOR MRS. ANDREW PEGG

Mrs. Andrew Pegg, a well-known and highly respected resident of R.R. 2, Clarendon, passed away on Tuesday morning following an illness of ten months duration. She was in her 84th year.

Born at Churchill near Mount Albert, the daughter of the late William and Sophia Hill, the deceased took up residence in Western Canada following her marriage, but returned to the Clarendon district in 1910. Her husband, the late Andrew Pegg, passed away in 1949.

The deceased was an ardent worker in Greenwood United Church where she held offices in the Women's Association, the W.M.S. and other organizations. She conducted a Sunday School class for a number of years and attended service regularly until illness limited her activities.

She leaves to mourn her passing, five sons, Milton of Clarendon, Lloyd of Oshawa, William of Clarendon, George of Whitevale, Edgerton of Clarendon, and four daughters, Alice (Mrs. Bertan Wilson) of Maxwell, Gladys (Mrs. Wm. Brown) of Greenwood, Essie (Mrs. Rod Appley) of Ashburn and Mildred (Mrs. Charles McTaggart) of Greenwood. Twenty-eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren also survive.

The funeral service will be conducted by Rev. H. Moore from the Greenwood United Church on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with interment in Salem Cemetery. Pallbearers will be six grandsons of the deceased.

DEATH REMOVES A LIFELONG COMMUNITY WORKER

The death of Mrs. George Lee on Wednesday afternoon of last week removed one of Stouffville's most faithful and ardent community workers. While not in the best of health, her passing came as a great shock to her many friends.

Born at Audley in February, 1874, Mrs. Lee resided at Whitchurch and on the farm below Clarendon before making Stouffville her home. She was a daughter of the late James B. and Hannah Madill. Her husband George Lee predeceased her in 1953. Mrs. Lee was a resident in Stouffville for the past 42 years. She was identified with the Clarendon Baptist Church and her work as a life member of the Stouffville Women's Institute was well-known throughout the community.

Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. B. G. Richardson, Roanoke, Virginia, and four brothers, J. H. Madill, Harrow; Albert Madill, Windsor; Fred C. Madill, Weston and Russel Madill of Detroit, also a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral on Saturday, Dec. 8th, was conducted from the Clarendon Baptist Church by Rev. J. S. Lowden and Rev. Davison. Pallbearers were: Glenn Manderson, Ralph Madill, Ralph Sadler, Lanny Jones, Harold Madill and Wm. Hutchison. Interment was made in Clarendon Union Cemetery.

GRAVEL PIT A MINE?

The biggest headache encountered by Waterloo Township court of revision this year was on how gravel pits should be assessed. Decisions were handed down Friday.

Counsel G. E. Eastman, Q.C. for M. J. Bickle, who owns a 46-acre pit on Highway 7 east of Kitchener, maintained it should be assessed at the same rate as surrounding farmlands.

County assessor Harold J. Snider and township assessor F. Heffron argued that a gravel pit was a mine and while operating should be assessed as such. Therefore they assessed the whole pit area at four times the value of farmland, the high assessment to be dropped when the pit is used up.

The court agreed with the assessors and sustained the assessment for 1957 at least.

Conservation Authority to Buy Uxbridge Tp. Property

At the last regular meeting of the Rouge Conservation Authority, authorization was given to the Reforestation Committee to offer Fred Clubine, lot 14, con. 4, Uxbridge Twp., the sum of \$7,500 for all of the west half of lot 14, except seven acres including all the buildings.

It was announced that the hand-planted wood-lots of Dr. Bruce Vale, R. Spademan and Ed. Erickson of Uxbridge Twp. had been inspected and approved and payment of the subsidy was recommended.

A copy was received of a draft bylaw to regulate the disposition of worked-out gravel pits. The bylaw was prepared by the Dept. of Planning and was given over to the Land Use Committee for study.

Approval having been given by the Dept. of Planning to acquire Flood Plan lands in Highland Creek Valley for 50% subsidy, it was agreed that Scarborough Twp. should be asked to handle the acquisition of the lands.

A joint meeting is being arranged with Markham Historical Committee to discuss the acquisition of Bruce's Mill property.

Art. Latcham Announces Gift of Swimming Pool to Be Erected This Summer

Arthur Latcham, who in the past few years has been Stouffville's benefactor without equal, has come forward with a further proposal for community betterment. Mr. Latcham is prepared to go ahead this spring with the erection of a \$30,000 swimming pool for Stouffville. The announcement was made by Reeve Daniels at the regular meeting of Stouffville Council on Thursday evening. Reeve Daniels told council that the pool would have all modern conveniences, heating, showers, dressing rooms and chlorination and would be of similar dimensions to the Olympic pool. He said that alternate sites had been suggested in the park but a meeting was to be held shortly with the Park Commission to discuss the project.

A cairn was recently completed in the local park honoring Mr. Latcham who has made it one of the most up-to-date playgrounds in Ontario for towns the size of Stouffville. Ball floodlights, grandstand, picnic shelter and refreshment booth, are all gifts of Mr. Latcham's generosity.

Council wholeheartedly endorsed Mr. Latcham's plans and were loud in their appreciation of his magnificent generosity.

Mr. Latcham who is an honorary member of the Stouffville Lions Club, appeared before the club at the last regular meeting and officially announced that the gift would be given to Stouffville through the auspices of the Lions Club. A number of the details of the construction of the pool were explained by Mr. Latcham and president Dr. John Button told the members that the civic improvement committee under the chairmanship of Lion Ken Wagg would work with Mr. Latcham on the project.

The monthly police report revealed that the local cruiser travelled 818 miles during the month of November. Forty-three occurrences and complaints were investigated. There were three accidents, 11 parking tickets issued and 14 cases in Newmarket police court.

Town Engages a Former County Warden as Clerk

The Stouffville Municipal Council on Thursday night accepted the application of Ralph Corner of Pefferlaw and a former Warden of York County as municipal Clerk, duties to commence on Jan. 1st. Mr. Gar. Brown, the present clerk whose services and work for the municipality were strongly praised by council, is leaving to take a position as clerk of Halton County with offices in Milton. Salary attached to the position is \$4,000. Mr. Corner is widely known throughout the county having been Warden in 1955, Clerk of Georgina Twp. in 1956 and has had nearly ten years experience on council. The resolution to engage Mr. Corner was passed without opposition. Three applications were received in all.

An account for street lighting passed for payment amounted to \$859.50.

Williamson Fund

Approximately \$1,700 was dispensed by council on Thursday night, the proceeds of the Williamson Trust Fund for 1956 left to the pool of the town for annual distribution.

Relief accounts for the past month amounted to \$217.58, and general accounts passed for payment totalled \$1,446.42.

Council will convene for their statutory meeting this Saturday afternoon and at the same time hear the annual report of the Court of Revision who have been dealing with more than ninety assessment appeals.

are Unionville, Uxbridge, Sunderland, Port Perry, Brooklin, Ajax and Highland Creek. The schedule will be drawn up next week. Bantam and Juvenile entries are likely here but the Midget team may operate in the North York League.

Revision Court to Report Sat.

Routine business occupied Whitchurch Twp. council at one of their last regular meetings for 1956, on Thursday evening. Fence Viewers Geo. Drewery, Sam Gibney and Herb. Simpson presented their award on the line fence between lots 26 and 27 in the 6th con., the properties of Stanley Koslakowski and John Bosworth.

The bylaw to be given final approval for the franchise agreement between the township and the Consumers' Gas Co. to the laying of a pipeline, was approved and passed.

Bloomington Public School trustees asked for an advance of \$600 on this year's levy which was granted.

Gormley Man Re-Elected Federation Agr. President

Frank Brumwell of Gormley was re-elected President of the York County Federation of Agriculture for the coming year at a meeting held last week in Newmarket.

J. A. Spencer was chosen 1st Vice President and Harry Ferguson of Newmarket 2nd vice Pres. Fred Wicks continues as Secretary Treasurer and fieldman for the County organization.

W. M. Cockburn, Agr. Rep. for York, conducted the elections and afterwards spoke on the new Brucellosis Act and its application to York County. After some questions and discussion it was agreed that the Fed. of Agriculture should mail out a circular letter to its members in York County to make sure that all cattle owners are aware of the changes that are involved.

The President thanked those present for their support and for their good attendance at Directors meetings. Announcement was made of the Short Courses at Guelph and Vineland. Bruce King of Woodbridge was chosen to attend the course on Co-operation and Farm Organization at Guelph January 1 to 4. The Delegates to the Rural Leadership Course at Vineland Feb. 17 to 23 will be chosen by the Township Federation Presidents before Jan. 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Birkett have returned from a holiday trip to Florida.

Aurora and Clippers Here Thurs.

Don McIntosh and his Clippers will meet their toughest competition here on Thursday night when they entertain the Aurora Bel-Aires. The Yonge Street crew are presently riding high atop the group standing with Stouffville, and first place will be at stake when the two teams clash here this week. Aurora and Bradford are believed to be two of the stronger clubs in the loop. In a scheduled game between the two rivals last week, Aurora edged Bradford 7-6 in a hard-fought contest.

Two ex-Clippers will be wearing Aurora uniforms when the visitors skate onto Stouffville ice on Thursday night. Andy Closs and Howard Bullock, former Stouffville front-liners, have signed with the Bel-Aires. Don "Spider" Gibson, another well-known performer from Newmarket, is also a member of the team. Their goaltender, an American League performer, is a top-notch puckstopper, according to reports.

No stranger to Stouffville fans but a recent Clipper recruit, is Russ Forfar who will likely dress for Thursday's tilt. Defenceman Bob Petch and forward Gord Lewis joined the team last week. Don Weir was released when he didn't prove too effective in the three scheduled games.

Stores will be open in Stouffville every night next week for your shopping convenience.

O.M.H.A. Meeting Here

A meeting has been organized this week in Stouffville by local O.M.H.A. Convener, Jim Austin, to set up the various groups in Bantam, Midget and Juvenile classes. In addition to entries from Stouffville, other towns interested in icing minor clubs

New Candidate Heads Polls in Uxbridge Twp.

Mr. Norman Hogg, a resident of Quaker Hill and a new candidate for a seat on the Uxbridge Township Council, topped the polls in the election held on Friday with a total of 231 votes. He held a slim one vote margin over Councillor Robt. Nesbitt who polled 230 votes. Councillor Clarence Bunker was returned to office with 224. Luther Booth, the other candidate in the field and an ex-councillor, trailed with 168. The offices of Reeve and Dep-Reeve were filled by acclamation.

Mr. Hogg received strong support throughout the township, heading his home poll at Quaker Hill by a comfortable margin. He was well supported also at Pine Grove, Glasgow, Glen Major, Webb and Siloam. Councillor Robt. Nesbitt headed the polls at Webb, Pine Grove and

Glen Major. Councillor Clarence Bunker topped the polls at Goodwood and Glasgow. Only seven votes separated the first and third place candidates. Mr. Luther Booth headed his home poll at Siloam but fell down badly at the remaining six polls. Out of 1,600 eligible voters, only 381 exercised their franchise, or 24 percent.

When the final returns were received, the candidates spoke briefly to an audience in attendance at the Goodwood Community Hall. It was suggested that in future, the Nomination Meeting might be held in the evening rather than in the afternoon and that the polling hour should be extended to 8 p.m. as a service to commuters. Reeve Stuart Ball said that Council would be willing to give the plan serious consideration prior to another election.

This Faceoff Opened a New Hockey Season



Jim Austin, local executive member of the O.M.H.A., opens the hockey season here. Bud Lehman for the Clippers and Don Jarvie for Milton Clippers won the opening tilt 4 to 1.